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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP - NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR ONE PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR EURP - TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MAY 8 - 26, 2006)

REF: STATE 004520

POST WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE ONE PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM: MR. ANTOINE SAINTOYANT.

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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ECA-OFFICE: E/VGE

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 277

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: FY 2006 - EURP Trade and Economic Development

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

This project is intended to give economic and trade specialists, policy planners, academics, economic journalists and labor leaders an understanding of the U.S. economic system and the domestic economic forces that influence U.S. trade policy and the policy-making local initiatives in international trade and export promotion, and innovative strategies for regional economic development.

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2006

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FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Trade

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Antoine

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Saintoyant

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: Ministere de l'Economie et des Finances

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M-CNTRY-ID: FR

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GENDER: M

DOB: 08/28/1977

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Paris

BIRTH-CNTRY: France

CITIZ-CNTRY: France

RES-CNTRY: France

START MEMO POSITION:

Deputy Office Head, Foreign Agricultural Policy, Trade and Development, Trade Directorate, Ministry of Economy, since 2003

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

June-December 2001 - Acting Cabinet Head, Prefecture of Ariege  
January-June, 2001 - In charge of European Cooperation issues,  
Embassy of France in Jordan

September-November 1997 - Trainee, Directorate General of the Cultural, Scientific and Technical relation, Scientific and Technical cooperation department, U.S. Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris

October-November 1996 - Trainee, Accounting Management Services, Societe Generale, Paris

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

None

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

Jordan - January-June 2001, training at French Embassy  
Canada, Turkey, Jordan, Morocco, India, Vietnam - Tourism

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

2001-2003 - College for Senior Civil Servants, Paris and Strasbourg

1998-1999 - International Studies Certificate in Economics, University of Bonn, Germany

1995-1998 - Institute for Political Studies of Paris (civil service section)

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

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START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

Our principal objective is to strengthen our contact with a potential high-level civil servant in the French government trade bureaucracy and help him better understand the US position on key economic issues. We expect that in the near future we will continue to deal with Mr. Saintoyant in his new post. In the more distant future he is likely to become a more influential player on the whole range of US-EU trade issues. By having him visit the United States for the first time early in his career and via this program, we will solidify Mr. Saintoyant's appreciation for the importance of Franco-American cooperation on trade relations and his understanding of the extensive common interests shared by the US and France on trade liberalization.

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Mr. Saintoyant would be an excellent participant in the project "Trade and Economic Development." This subject is at the center of European and French thinking on how to maintain forward momentum in multilateral trade negotiations, since the commitment of developing countries to trade liberalization is essential to the success of future WTO negotiations. The French finance ministry's trade directorate is the source of some of the most creative thinking in Europe on this topic. Mr. Saintoyant could provide valuable insights on how free trade can help spark economic growth in developing countries, while also offering a sophisticated presentation of the limits of trade liberalization in dealing with world poverty.

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Sylvie Vacheret

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Saintoyant's past experience and future prospects make him an ideal candidate for the IV Program. After graduating from the prestigious Ecole Nationale d'Administration, a college for future high-level civil servants, he was hired to his current position at the Ministry of Economics and Finance. This billet is a very sensitive one for American interests as is demonstrated by the fact that this job put him in charge of handling international negotiations pertaining to agriculture and development issues. He is a desirable candidate for this program because the issues he is in charge of are crucial to ongoing and future US trade policy objectives including, for example, WTO Doha Round and relations with developing countries. To take part in the IV Program would ideally make him more sympathetic to, or at least more understanding of, U.S. positions on such issues. Furthermore, since he is in charge of negotiations and other issues important to the U.S., what he learns and experiences via this program will be passed on to those in his chain of command, both upward as well as downward.

Evidence of the fact that such an experience could make the French Ministry of Economics and Finance more amiable to U.S. interests is the testimony of the U.S. Embassy Trade Officer who has had contact with him for two years. This officer considers Saintoyant to be more open to external views than many other French officers in this trade directorate. He appears to be sensitive to new ideas and recognizes the importance of not evaluating issues through a protectionist, nationalistic lens. Providing him with further American acquaintances and an on-the-ground view of how the U.S. works could markedly broaden this potential high-level negotiator's worldview in a direction sympathetic to the U.S.

Saintoyant will soon take a new position in the Ministry of Economics and Finance. A recent reorganization of this ministry has opened several positions that would allow him to exercise further influence in roles dealing with international trade as well as international finance issues. As an example of how influential these new positions are, one of the options would have him working for the preparation of G8 meetings. In the next 10 years, Saintoyant will almost certainly occupy a more senior position at the Ministry of Economics and Finance or overseas. It is even feasible that he will serve as an advisor to a French minister. In any case, his current role is vital enough that this program would, through him, make the Ministry of Economics and Finance more understanding of U.S. concerns.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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